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DAUGAVPILS2. History 1/

a. The city's role in World War II:

(2) The city was taken by the German 8th Armored Division on 26 June 1941 and remained under German occupation until 27 Jul 1944. It fell to the Russians after it had been defended by the German Kampfgruppe (Combat Team) 290 and the 81st Infantry Division.

Partial list of the city's occupation commanders:

Gebietskommissar Schwung (established as holding office in Nov 1941 and Nov 1942)
 Gebietskommissar Riecken (established as holding office in Mar 1944).

3. Population 2/

a. Total number: 45,160 (1935)

c. Breakdown of city's population by ethnic groups as of 12 Feb 1935:

Latvians	15,158
Russians	8,058
Jews	11,106
Germans	508
Poles	8,198
White Ruthenians	1,156
Lithuanians	300
Estonians	32
Others	644
Total	45,160

Sources:

1/ Files of German Army field units

2/ Bevölkerungstatistik Lettlands, by Publikationsstelle Berlin-Dahlem, 1941

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